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SUBJECT: CSU ADVOCATES CREATION OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO  
INVESTIGATE ROLE OF MIN. DEF. IN LOCKHEED AFFAIR

REF: BONN 16502

1. SEPTEMBER 29 CSU PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCES THAT CSU WILL  
REQUEST CREATION OF A SPECIAL BUNDESTAG COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE  
THE ROLE OF TWO FRG MIN. DEF. OFFICIALS IN ALLEGED LOCKHEED  
"CAMPAIGN" AGAINST CSU CHAIRMAN STRAUSS.

2. RELEASE ACCUSES STATE SECRETARY FINGERHUT AND PRESS SPOKESMAN  
HALLE OF "GROSS VIOLATION OF OFFICIAL DUTY" (GROBE AMTSPFLICHT-  
VERLETZUNG). BOTH ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE KNOWINGLY AND INTENTIONALLY  
ATTEMPTED TO GIVE THE FALSE IMPRESSION THAT STRAUSS HAD FILES  
CONCERNING LOCKHEED REMOVED FROM THE MINDEF. THE RELEASE ALSO  
STATES THAT MINDEF CHIEF INVESTIGATOR RATH HAS DENIED HAVING  
MADE THE KINDS OF STATEMENTS ABOUT STRAUSS AND THE DISAPPEARANCE  
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OF MINDEF FILES WHICH FINGERHUT AND HALLE ATTRIBUTED TO HIM.

3. MEANWHILE, ON OTHER FRONTS THE CSU HAS: (A) FILED CHARGES AGAINST FORMER SPD SPOKESMAN FRANK SOMMER FOR HAVING STATED IN HAMBURG'S "MORGENPOST" THAT LOCKHEED FILES WERE REMOVED FROM MINDEF ON SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM STRAUSS; (B) REQUESTED THAT THE SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG AND TV PROGRAMS TAGESSCHAU (PROGRAM I) AND HEUTE (PROGRAM II) PUBLISH CSU COUNTERSTATEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN LOCKHEED ALLEGATIONS; AND (C) RAISED QUESTION IN SEPTEMBER 29 PRESS RELEASE WHETHER FRG GOVERNMENT IS HOLDING UP PROCESS OF EVALUATING LOCKHEED FILES IN ORDER TO AVOID POSSIBILITY THAT CRIMINAL SUITS COULD BE BROUGHT AGAINST SPD AND FDP POLITICIANS BEFORE FIVE YEAR STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS RUNS OUT.

4. COMMENT. UNDER FRG LAW, ANY PERSON OR INSTITUTIONS WHICH IS MENTIONED IN ANY PRESS STORY OR TV OR RADIO PROGRAM HAS THE RIGHT TO HAVE THAT SAME NEWSPAPER OR PROGRAM PUBLISH A COUNTER-STATEMENT WITHOUT DELAY.  
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